

wholly distinct and different utility than Rapp. Further, the process in claim 12 of this invention limits the size of the stop such that it would be no greater than 12 inches in length and no greater than 6 inches in width. This further distinguishes this invention from that which is revealed in Rapp.

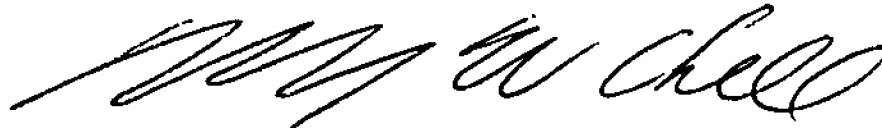
In number 4 of the examiner's office action, the examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 6-1, 6-2, 7, 10, and 11 under an obviousness rejection. I would respectfully submit that the amended claims as provided previously in this amendment have addressed the examiner's rejection. The claims as amended have limited the environment in which this stop for equipment commercial kitchen equipment positioning is to be used. This is a stop for commercial kitchen equipment. Secondly, the amendments further limit the claims such that the stop must be constructed of unibody construction and such that they meet the sanitary requirements of the National Sanitation Foundation standard for commercial kitchen equipment. The amended claims further address the object of the invention to prevent movement of commercial kitchen equipment so that the equipment remains within acceptable tolerances to fixed fire suppression systems. The amended claim also addresses that the invention meets National Sanitary Foundation Code standards. Both meeting fire suppression standards and sanitation standards are critical to the utility of the invention and are not obvious to the prior art, which prior art relates mainly to simply the restraint of automobiles. I respectfully assert based on the above that the patents cited by the examiner, Gregg in view of Rapp do not make the above obvious to one ordinary skilled in the art. In further support of this, included with these amendments are Affidavits pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.132.

In number 5, the examiner rejects claims 3, 4, 6-3, 6-4, 8, and 9. It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims address the rejections of the examiner in the same ways as argued in the above paragraph.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending amended claims in this application is believed to be an immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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